DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES





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The **Department of Human Services (DHS)** directs the operations of public assistance and service programs through county offices in every county in Michigan. It administers the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant and the federal Food Stamp Program, which in Michigan is called the Food Assistance Program. The department administers other state and federally funded assistance programs including the Family Independence Program, Child Day Care Services, State Disability Assistance, and State Emergency Relief. Department staff members also perform eligibility for Medicaid and other medical assistance programs jointly funded by the federal government and the state and administered by the Department of Community Health.

The department also administers the federal IV-D Child Support Program in Michigan and the client welfare fraud investigation programs. In addition, the agency provides other services to children, adults, and families in the state including children's protective services, adoption, and foster care. Services to adults include protective services, adult community placement, home help services and assistance with health, housing, transportation, and educational needs.

Family services include referral for employment and training, independent living services providing housing assistance, family planning, counseling, health-related services, volunteer services, refugee assistance, transitional services to youths exiting foster care and out-of-home placement, migrant services, refugee services, Native American services, and domestic violence prevention and treatment programs. The department also administers the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity, Children's Trust Fund, and Office of Child and Adult Licensing. In total, these services are provided to help maintain and strengthen family life and to help families become self-sufficient.

A wide range of service programs is available for the families and children of Michigan. They include protective and preventive services for children who are neglected, abused, or exploited, including foster care placement. The agency also provides a wide range of institutional and non-institutional social services for the care, training, and treatment of neglected and delinquent children committed to the department as state wards and temporary court wards. Such services include casework and counseling, adoption, foster care, and the operation of centers for institutional residential care and group homes. In addition, it offers consultation on general child welfare problems to private and public agencies throughout the state and offers services through the Interstate Compact.

The department director is its chief executive officer and is appointed by the governor. The **administrative divisions** of the department include the Director's Office, Chief Deputy Director, and deputy directors for Legal Affairs and Financial Integrity, Children's Services, Family Services, Performance Excellence and Field Operations.

The *Executive Office* is composed of the offices of Communications, Internal Audit, State Legislative and Liaison Services, Federal Liaison and Policy Advisor, Interagency and Community

Services (which includes Volunteer Services, Migrant Affairs, Indian Affairs and Refugee Services), Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity and Deputy Director for Legal Affairs and Financial Integrity.

The Chief Deputy Director has the administrative responsibility for deputy directors over Children's Services, Family Services, Performance Excellence and Field Operations as well as the Chief Administrative Officer. Most administrative service delivery units are administered through the deputy directors for Children's and Adult Services, while the Chief Administrative Officer and deputy director for Performance Excellence administer non-service providing entities such as personnel, contracts, and quality assurance.

Field Services Administration has administrative responsibility for overseeing the operation of local offices in each of the 83 counties in the state and providing all services and assistance payment programs to eligible customers. It provides these services through Wayne County Operations, Outstate Operations, four zone offices, and urban counties. It is also administratively responsible for the Training and Support Program.

STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD

	Term expires
REBECCA BAHAR-COOK	. December 2006
REV. IRA COMBS, JR	. December 2004
ELAINE ANN CRAWFORD	. December 2004
Anita G. Fox	. December 2006
JENNA L. W. MARR	. December 2004
Nancy J. Moody (Chair)	. December 2006
Dr. Christine M. Nelson	. December 2004
Dr. Teressa V. Staten	
ROBERT R. TISCH	. December 2005

Representing Department Directors

CAROL WOLENBERG, State Superintendent of Public Instruction DOUGLAS M. PATERSON, Department of Community Health MARIANNE UDOW, Department of Human Services SGT. GREG JONES, Department of State Police

The Children's Trust Fund, created by Act 250 of 1982, is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Michigan. The Children's Trust Fund conducts statewide public education and fundraising campaigns; funds local child abuse and neglect prevention councils and communitybased direct service prevention programs; and provides technical assistance and support.

The governor appoints the members of the board, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve 3-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Some board members serve by virtue of their positions in state government.

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

Term expires
SARA ANTOINE, MarquetteAug. 28, 2006
HELEN BRINKMAN, Rockford Aug. 28, 2006
Arthur M. Carter, Detroit
JOAN DOUGHTY, Ann Arbor
WILLIAM ERVIN, Mt. PleasantAug. 28, 2006
JEFFREY FINK, Kalamazoo
DIANE GIDDINGS, Hudson
Amanda Good, Detroit
SHARKEY HADDAD, West Bloomfield Aug. 28, 2006
CAROL HARTON, Lansing
JERIEL HEARD, Farmington Hills Aug. 28, 2006

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE (Cont.)

	Term expires
MARILYN LATTERMAN, East Lansing	Aug. 28, 2006
BETSY MELLOS, Grosse Pointe Shores	Aug. 28, 2006
JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, Cassopolis	Aug. 28, 2006
GARY WALKER, Marquette	Aug. 28, 2006
HON. ELIZABETH A. WEAVER, Glen Arbor	Aug. 28, 2006
CLARENCE WILLIAMS, Detroit	Aug. 28, 2006

The Committee on Juvenile Justice was established in the Department of Human Services by Executive Order No. 1994-8. The committee, which is required by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, is responsible for implementing the mandates of the act including the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, sight and sound separation, the removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, reducing the disproportionate confinement of minorities, and for reporting periodically on the performance of its functions to the governor and Legislature. The governor appoints the committee members for 3-year terms.

JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG)

HON. PATRICIA GARDNER, Grand Rapids (Family Court Judge in Kent County) ROBERT ENNIS, Holly (Director of Ennis Center for Children) JEROME GALLAGHER, Okemos (Project Director of Project Sentry) JOSEPH E. THOMAS, Southfield (Police Chief for the City of Southfield) DAVID GORCYCA, Troy (Prosecutor of Oakland County)

The **JABG** promotes greater accountability in the state's juvenile justice system. The Governor's Juvenile Accountability Block Grant ad hoc committee implements the JABG. It ensures that Michigan is in compliance with the federal law, develops a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime and authorizes grants of approximately \$1.5 million per year to local units of government.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

	Term expires
GWENDOLYN BROWN, Detroit	Sept. 30, 2006
SHIRLEY MANN GRAY, West Bloomfield	Sept. 30, 2004
HON. AMY R. KRAUSE, Lansing (Chair)	Sept. 30, 2006
Mary Beth Kur, Petoskey	Sept. 30, 2006
LORE A. ROGERS, Whitmore Lake	Sept. 30, 2004
HON. EDWARD SOSNICK, Pontiac	Sept. 30, 2004